

Weekly Learning Reflections



Week Beginning: 24.2.25

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Heaven

“ I’m in biscuit heaven...”

Everyone crumbled at the sight of biscuits. A sweet afternoon of biscuit tasting lay ahead. Buttery, crumbly, choc- chipped cookies vied with chocolate cream sandwiched biscuits, family favourite Digestive jostled with Party Rings, which takes your fancy?

The children were certainly skilled in their judgements on the biscuits they were sampling as a part of their DT project.

Biscuits were sniffed, snapped, temptations tested (or not!) before the great tasting started. The children felt they were in biscuit heaven.

In excited tones the finer points were picked over. Even the flakiest Pink Panther wafer crumbs were worth picking up with fingertips just to stretch the party-on-the-tongue for another savouring moment.

Science: Sounds of Music

Evelyn Glennie blew the socks off the children. Professional deaf musician Evelyn removes her shoes and socks when she plays percussion instruments to ‘hear -feel’ sound vibrations against her skin. The children then observed how rice grains dance on a drum close to a sound source, and they felt the tingle of a struck cymbal vibrating between their finger and thumb. The children were awestruck when water fizzed and spat when a struck tuning fork was dipped in a beaker of water.

Finally, the children measured sound levels of various musical instruments in deciBels using digital dataloggers. I was very impressed with their fantastic collaboration and good scientific skills.

Literacy

Former children's laureate Michael Rosen's rip-roaring reading of his classic poems *Strict* and *Hot Food* had the children enraptured and calling 'more please'. They started the week by reading animals poems using intonation and gesticulation to captivate the audience.

The children's performance of a public reading to their peers was pure delight. The joy on their faces left them six feet tall for the rest of the day. The children then dissected poems to understand the structure and precision of language, before exploring why writers use figurative language.

The children finished the week off by writing their own similes to use in their work next week.

Maths: Fractions

"I'm 8 and $\frac{3}{4}$ year olds," platform 9 and three-quarter in Harry Potter, half-price pizzas, and quarter pounders are just some examples of everyday use of fractions.

The children reviewed a variety of fractions to understand the purpose of the numerator and denominator and how to go up and down fractional number lines before adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

PE: Yoga: being at peace

The children finished the week of with a session of calming yoga. They learned how to regulate their breathing and learn a range of poses, including the tree, mountains and a cobra.

Children's Star of the Week

Oscar picked up most of the votes to become star of the week for a good friend and helpful person.

Teacher Star of the Week

Finally, this week I have selected Imogen for being herself and working to her best day-in and day-out.

I hope you have a super weekend with your child and loved ones.

Kind regards,

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